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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

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The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date of the application.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The relevance of documents A8 and A9 is described in the present specification.

Document A10 discloses an LED-type vehicular lamp. Documents A1 and A10 claim priority based on the same first-filed application.

Document A11 discloses an LED-type vehicular lamp having uniform brightness. Documents A2 and A11 claim priority based on the same first-filed application.

Document A12 discloses A12 discloses a vehicular lamp with an LED light source having uniform brightness. Documents A3 and A12 claim priority based on the same first-filed application.

Document A13 discloses an LED-type vehicular lamp having an improved light distribution. Documents A4 and A13 claim priority based on the same first-filed application.

Document A14 discloses an indicating display for a motor vehicle, in particular a raised stop light unit. Documents A5 and A14 claim priority based on the same first-filed application.

Document A15 discloses an LED-type vehicular lamp having uniform brightness. Documents A6 and A15 claim priority based on the same first-filed application.

Document A16 discloses a signal lamp for vehicles. Documents A7 and A16 claim priority based on the same first-filed application.

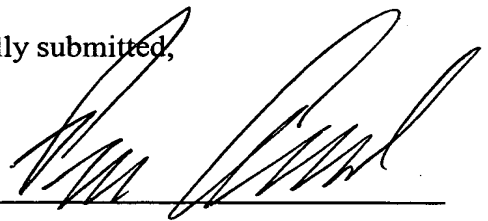
English translation of the foreign-language documents are not readily available. However, the absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609). English language abstracts are provided herewith.

Applicant respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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